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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: STATEMENT BY P.W. BOTHA ON KATIMA MULILO
COUNTERACTION

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1. INDIRECT QUOTE OF DEFENSE MINISTER P.W. BOTHA IN PARA 7
REFTEL SHOULD READ THAT " NECESSARY STEPS" PROMISED AGAINST
SWAPO RAIDERS HAVE "NOW" (RPT NOW INSTEAD OF NOT) BEEN TAKEN, ETC.

2. FULLER QUOTES FROM P.W. BOTHA STATEMENT APPEAR IN AUGUST 28
EDITION OF THE CITIZEN AS FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN TEXT OF CITIZEN REPORT:
IN A STATEMENT ON SATURDAY NIGHT, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE,
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MR. P.W. BOTHA, SAID THAT SHORTLY AFTER SWAPO'S " TREACHEROUS ATTACK"
ON THE TOWN OF KATIMA MULILO HE HAD INDICATED THAT SUITABLE STEPS
WOULD BE TAKEN.

" I CAN NOW ANNOUNCE THAT THOSE STEPS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO OUR
SATISFACTION."

" I WANT AGAIN TO ISSUE A SERIOUS WARNING TO OUR NEIGHBORING STATES
NOT TO CONTINUE IN ANY WAY TO SUPPORT TERRORISTS IN THEIR ATTACKS

ON THE BORDERS FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE STEPS WHICH WE MUST TAKE AS A SELFRESPECTING COUNTRY."

HE TRUSTED THAT HIS WARNING WOULD NOT FALL ON DEAF EARS THIS TIME. THE MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS DEEPEST APPRECIATION, AND THAT OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SA DEFENSE FORCE WHO DID SO MUCH FOR SOUTH AFRICA IN SO MANY SPHERES.

THE OFFICER COMMANDING SOUTH WEST. AFRICA COMMAND, MAJOR-GENERAL JANNIE GELDENHUYS, SAID THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ITS HOT PURSUIT OPERATION INTO ZAMBIA AND HAD PUT OUT OF ACTION MILITARY POSITIONS WHICH HAD BOMBARDED KATIMA MULILO.

HE EMPHASIZED THAT NO PHYSICAL ATTACK OR BOMBARDMENT WAS CARRIED OUT ON ZAMBIAN POSITIONS WHICH HAD NOT FIRED ON SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE POSITIONS.

" I AM SATISFIED THAT ALL THE NECESSARY STEPS WERE TAKEN OF SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF THE EASTERN CAPRIVI. I AM ALSO SATISFIED THAT THE GANG OF THE NUJOMO FACTION WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK HAS BEEN ERADICATED, AND THAT THE NECESSARY COUNTERMEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD THE LOCAL POPULATION AGAINST SIMILAR ACTION OF THIS KIND."

ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 23, SHORTLY AFTER SWAPO TERRORISTS HAD STARTED THEIR " TREACHEROUS ATTACK ON WHITE AND BLACK RESIDENTIAL AREAS" OF KATIMA MULILO, THE DEFENSE FORCE HAD TAKEN IMMEDIATE RETALIATORY STEPS.

" WE WERE FORCED TO GO IN AND MOP UP THE ZAMBIAN POSITIONS, AND WE UNCLASSIFIED

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DID SO SUCCESSFULLY," GEN GELDENHUYS SAID. END TEXT.
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